THE PROVINCIAL MEDIATION BOARD TRUST ACCOUNTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended March 31, 2002

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Provincial Mediation Board Trust Accounts as at March 31, 2002 and the statement of receipts, disbursements and trust account balances for the year then ended. The Provincial Mediation Board's management is responsible for preparing these financial statements for Treasury Board's approval. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Provincial Mediation Board Trust Accounts as at March 31, 2002 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Regina, Saskatchewan
May 28, 2002

Fred Wendel, CMA, CA
Provincial Auditor

Statement 1

THE PROVINCIAL MEDIATION BOARD TRUST ACCOUNTS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at March 31

	2002	2001
ASSETS		
Due from General Revenue Fund (Note 4)	$ 251,385	$ 113,751
Total assets	$ 251,385	$ 113,751
LIABILITIES		
Trust account balances (Statement 2)		
Orderly payment of debts program	$ 213,071	$ 93,174
Consumer proposals	16,455	14,154
Mediation of debts program	19,979	5,483
Tax enforcement proceedings	1,880	940
Total liabilities	$ 251,385	$ 113,751

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

Statement 2

THE PROVINCIAL MEDIATION BOARD TRUST ACCOUNTS
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND TRUST ACCOUNT BALANCES
For the Year Ended March 31

	2002	2001
ORDERLY PAYMENT OF DEBTS PROGRAM		
Receipts from clients	$1,226,290	$ 984,004
Payments to creditors	(939,007)	(916,704)
Payments to Department of Justice	(167,386)	(163,790)
Increase (Decrease) in Trust Balance	119,897	(96,490)
Balance, beginning of year	93,174	189,664
Balance, end of year to Statement 1	$ 213,071	$ 93,174
CONSUMER PROPOSALS		
Receipts from clients	$ 65,500	$ 89,823
Interest from General Revenue Fund (Note 4)	637	1,275
Payments to creditors	(57,266)	(79,613)
Payments to Department of Justice	(6,570)	(8,002)
Increase in Trust Balance	2,301	3,483
Balance, beginning of year	14,154	10,671
Balance, end of year to Statement 1	$ 16,455	$ 14,154
MEDIATION OF DEBTS PROGRAM		
Receipts from clients	$ 97,468	$ 90,501
Payments to creditors	(76,607)	(91,280)
Payments to Department of Justice	(6,365)	(7,363)
Increase (Decrease) in Trust Balance	14,496	(8,142)
Balance, beginning of year	5,483	13,625
Balance, end of year to Statement 1	$ 19,979	$ 5,483
TAX ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS		
Receipts from property owners	$ 17,010	$ 17,720
Payments to municipalities	(310)	(840)
Payments to Department of Justice	(15,760)	(17,760)
Increase (Decrease) in Trust Balance	940	(880)
Balance, beginning of year	940	1,820
Balance, end of year to Statement 1	$ 1,880	$ 940
BUDGETING ASSISTANCE		
Receipts from clients	$ 2,290	
Payments to creditors	(2,290)	
Balance, end of year	0	

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2002

1. Legislative Authority

The Trust Accounts were established for the purpose of receiving and disbursing monies for persons who have entered into negotiations for the settlement of debts, either through *The Provincial Mediation Board Act*, *The Tax Enforcement Act*, Orderly Payment of Debts Regulations or through the Consumer Proposals Program.

2. Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

3. Related Party Transactions

In accordance with established government practice, the Trust Accounts have not been charged with any administrative costs and no provision for such costs is reflected in these statements. These costs are borne by the Department of Justice from monies appropriated by the Legislature for such purposes.

Under Parts III and X of *The Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, the Consumer Proposals and the Orderly Payment of Debts Consolidation Orders are subject to application and administration fees which are recorded as revenue for the Department of Justice. These fees are included in the receipts and payments under the Orderly Payment of Debts Program, Consumer Proposals, Mediation of Debts Program and Tax Enforcement Proceedings.

4. Due From General Revenue Fund

The Provincial Mediation Board's bank accounts are included in the Consolidated Offset Bank Concentration (COBC) arrangement for the Government of Saskatchewan.

The bank account set up to handle Consumer Proposals earns interest that is calculated and paid by the General Revenue Fund on a quarterly basis into the Trust's bank account using the Government's 30 day borrowing rate and the Trust's average daily bank account balance. Interest is allocated to clients based on their balances.

No interest is paid into the bank account used for the remaining programs.